

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

8 FEB. 1962
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1. Laos

b. On the political front, Phoumi has offered to meet Souvanna in the Plaine des Jarres if military pressure is relaxed or without conditions in Luang Prabang if Souvanna goes there for a meeting with the King.

c. There are, at the same time, reports from Vientiane, which seem to be more than mere propaganda for our benefit, that some of Phoumi's military subordinates are dead set against a Souvanna government and intend to react, even if Phoumi comes to terms.

2. Berlin

a. Our planes flew into Berlin along the southern corridor, below 7,000 feet, without incident this morning during the period of the Soviet claims on the corridor which ran from 0305 to 0625 Washington time.

3. Congo

a. Tshombé took calmly the word that we do not favor his visit to the US at this juncture, but a less placid reaction may set in.

b. Adoula has apparently cancelled plans to stop off in Ghana en route home because of a warning that an attempt on his life might be made.

c. Cairo, seeking at least a temporary rapprochement with the Adoula government.

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recently-arrived
Ghanaian troops heavily-indoctrinated
along Lumumbist lines.

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4. Guatemalan insurgent attempt collapses

Government forces successfully defended against yesterday's morning attack in the eastern coastal area, and the rebels were last reported on the run. Government leaders are, however, still apprehensive over new subversive outcroppings. The small band of attackers evidently hoped to start a chain-reaction in the area.

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**5. Chinese Communist
missile activity**

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look in on Chinese Communist missile
activity. On the basis of this evidence, 50X1
we think they may have launched, or at
least tried to launch, a surface-to-surface
missile toward the end of last year.

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NOTES

- A. Frondizi has scheduled a broadcast to the nation on Saturday, which is the deadline date reportedly set by the Argentine military for action on a break with Cuba. Uruguay is also nearing a decision.
 - B. Peru has indicated a sense of deep hurt at not having received a message of congratulations from the President when Colombia did. President Prado contends that he was well ahead of Lleras on the Cuban issue.
 - C. There were more student demonstrations against the government in East Pakistan yesterday. Ayub has ordered a number of arrests to prevent the spread of the restiveness, which so far seems not to have infected the rest of the population. Embassy Karachi believes, however, that the opposition is likely to grow rather than diminish if the government cracks down too hard.
 - D. Cairo has confirmed that the Tito-Nasir talks dealt with the possibility of a neutralist economic bloc as a counterweight to the EEC and the Soviet bloc's economic alliance. Their next move will be to suggest this as the topic for another non-aligned conference.
 - E. Cheddi Jagan's government in British Guiana is running into its first serious trouble, with the threat of a strike building up against a government budget thought to be unfavorable to low-wage earners. Jagan was roughed up by demonstrators yesterday.
 - F. Sukarno is said to be ready to set a 60-40 split as take-it-or-leave it terms for oil exploitation rights for foreign companies.
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H. Pravda has published a picture of Khrushchev together with the Brazilian charge, who saw him at his Black Sea vacation spot yesterday. This is undoubtedly a means of knocking down the recent spate of assassination rumors.

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WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--7 February 1962

On the basis of findings by its Watch Committee, the United States Intelligence Board concludes that:

No Sino-Soviet bloc country intends deliberately to initiate direct military action in the immediate future.

BERLIN: Communist military activity does not suggest that the Communists expect to risk military confrontation over Berlin in the immediate future.

LAOS: While current indications do not point to an all-out offensive, enemy military forces have been directed to launch local attacks in several areas. [REDACTED] these actions are intended as pressure by Souvanna and Souphannouvong on Phoumi toward formation of a coalition government on their terms.

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SOUTH VIETNAM: Although counteractions by government forces continue to show some success, the Viet Cong continues its subversive and small-scale military activity and retains its capability to conduct large-scale attacks on preselected targets in some areas of the country at any time. The Viet Cong has expanded its propaganda directed at enlisting broader popular support.

INDONESIA: Scheduled Indonesian deployments to eastern Indonesia will facilitate future small-scale air strikes on West New Guinea or infiltration attempts, while the Indonesians continue efforts for a negotiated settlement on their terms.

DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST

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